

MARY ROGERS PAYS THE PENALTY OF HER CRIME

Marches to Her Doom Without a Sign of Fear---Drop Fell at 1.13 And Death Came at 1.27-1-2---Brave to the Last And Accepted Death Without a Tremor.

GOVERNOR BELL REFUSED TO INTERFERE

Mrs. Rogers Passed a Restless Night---No Tears Filled Her Eyes But Long Into the Night She Prayed With Fr. Delaney---Sleep Came Only After Exhaustion.

(From the Times' special correspondent at Windsor.)

Windsor, Dec. 8.—Mary Rogers was hanged this afternoon at 1:13 o'clock, paying the penalty of the law of Vermont for murdering her husband, Marcus Rogers.

At half past ten this forenoon Mary Rogers dressed herself in a black dress, black skirt and a satin waist, and white collar and lace and black shoes. About her neck she placed a gold chain from which the cross was suspended. After completing those details without assistance she walked calmly down to the sitting room of the prison to await the coming of the officers. The death warrant was not read to her, as it was considered that the reading of it last February was sufficient.

Deputies Call for Her. At 1:05 Deputies Romaine Spafford, Kiniry, Tinkham and Bond entered the room to escort her to the gallows. They were accompanied by her spiritual adviser, Fr. Delaney. The condemned woman arose to meet the men, without a word. Silently she joined them and the procession left the room and proceeded to the death chamber. Without the least trace of fear or nervousness the woman walked down the corridor to



W. S. LOVELL
Supt. of State Prison at Windsor.

the room, where about forty persons were assembled.

Needed No Assistance.

She needed no assistance from any of the men who were with her. As she entered the death chamber she glanced about the room, but uttered no sound. Her face was of an ashy pallor, contrasting with the somberness of her gown. She wore eye-glasses. The only movement she made was that she realized the terrible fate that awaited her was a constant wetting of her lips.

The deputies assisted her to the gallows, but she walked firmly up the stairs to the drop. On the scaffold were Deputies McNulty, Thomas and McDermott. Fr. Delaney administered the last rites to the woman. Even then there was no apparent nervousness, the woman standing firmly although the officers



MARY ROGERS.
Who Paid the Penalty of Her Crime With Her Life at Windsor This Afternoon.

were ready to support her in case of need. The only words which Mrs. Rogers uttered were these: "God have mercy on my soul."

She was asked if there was any reason why sentence of death should not be carried out, and still she said nothing. Then Deputies Kiniry, McDermott and McNulty went about their task of preparing the woman for the final act. Her feet and legs were strapped together, the strap about the knees being placed outside the dress. Her legs were pinned at 1:09½. She was led to the drop at 1:10½. The noose was adjusted at 1:12, after the black cap had been drawn over the face. The drop was sprung by Deputy McNulty at 1:13½. The body fell to the floor, the toes just touching the floor.

Drs. Dean Richmond and O. W. Daley at once sprang to the body to take the beating of the heart. They pronounced the woman dead at 1:27½. Then the body was cut down and placed in the hands of an undertaker from Hoosick Falls, N. Y. It will be taken this afternoon to that place and be given into the hands of her mother.

There were twelve citizens present besides the doctors and the prison officials. There was no excitement among those present. The neck was broken in the drop.

Slept a Little Last Night.

Racked by her own contending emotions, Mary Rogers arose this morning to live through a few wretched hours of her life and meet her death before the day was done. No tears filled her eyes. Long into the night she prayed with Father Delaney, who had gone to her when she called him. Then exhaustion came and she fell into an unconscious sleep from which she awakened at dawn. Then she waited at the cell door for the coming of day.

Half Collapsed When Told.

When notified that Governor Bell had decided not to interfere further, the condemned woman half collapsed on her cot. Father Delaney came later and heard the woman's last words. They prayed together and then the minister administered the last rites of the church.

THE LAST APPEAL TO THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Bell Declared That Public Opinion Was Against the Petition of Attorney Flinn.

White River Junction, Dec. 8.—The final effort to save Mrs. Mary Rogers from hanging was made this morning by Attorney E. B. Flinn, one of her counsel, who held an extended conference with Governor Bell, and pleaded for a reprieve on further evidence that had been obtained. Mr. Flinn presented the governor several affidavits showing that Mrs. Rogers had showed evident signs of insanity recently, in prison, which the counsel believed corroborated the evidence already presented that the woman was insane when the deed was committed.

Gov. Bell, after listening to the last plea of Mr. Flinn, said: "Mary Rogers must hang." "Public sentiment in Vermont is against you," he continued, "and the law must take its course."

Over 200 Telegrams. Over two hundred telegrams from var-

ious parts of the country, making an appeal for another reprieve, were received by Gov. Bell on his arrival here.

"My God, Is It Possible?"

Miss Jessie M. Parton of Cincinnati, who this morning presented Gov. Bell with a petition signed by 30,000 women of Ohio, asking for a reprieve, exclaimed when she heard of the governor's decision:

"My God, governor, is it possible that you can ignore the petition of these 30,000 women?"

The governor sadly shook his head and said that all that he knew was that Mrs. Rogers would hang before the close of the day.

THE DEATH WATCH.

Mrs. Rogers' Last Days at the Prison as Officially Told.

Windsor, Dec. 8.—By agreement between Governor Bell, Sheriff Peck and Supt. Lovell, three newspaper men representing the Vermont press and the National Press association were admitted to the prison this morning, and furnished the following official account of Mrs. Rogers' last day by the prison authorities and Mrs. M. H. Loukes, one of the death watch. The death watch began Nov. 28 when Mrs. Rogers was placed in solitary confinement in a cell on the southwest corner of the women's department on the third floor of the main building, or over the guard room. The death watch consisted of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Loukes of the prison staff, who have passed every hour of the day and night with Mrs. Rogers, except for an occasional brief relief by some other prison officer.

This room has contained two beds, Mrs. Rogers and her death watch have slept night after night and here too on a small table they have eaten together. The windows overlooking the prison yard were repainted so that the inmates of the room have had absolutely no opportunity to see out of it. The only visitors to the death cell since solitary confinement began have been Superintendent Lovell, Warden Palmer, Miss S. J. Durkee, the matron, the prison chaplain, Rev. Wm. H. Hayes, Rev. Father C. C. Delaney and the four-year-old girl, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loukes who has from time to time been Mrs. Rogers' companion and helped to divert her mind by her childish prattle. Mrs. Rogers has slept well most of the nights since the death watch began and her appetite has failed. Last night she did not go to bed without some urging and then not till about 11 o'clock. She slept fairly well until five o'clock this morning. Mrs. Rogers has been in good spirits all the time, considering of course what must have been passing in her mind, in anticipation of the awful hour of execution. She has visited with the death watch but has talked but little of her case except when Superintendent Lovell was present. She has occupied her time in crocheting lace for aprons to be sent to relatives and persons who had sent money to her. At night her crocheting needles were regularly taken away from her to be given out again next day. She has read the Bible and has even committed some passages to memory. She has written a few letters to relatives and sympathizing persons but she has not written any messages for any newspapers, nor has she received any messages from any newspapers. All reports to the contrary are false. She has never lost hope that in some way her life might be spared and even this morning, appeared to retain some faint idea that at the last moment something might interrupt to save her. The gallows was erected yesterday, but every precaution was taken to muffle the sound of the hammer, and no information whatever that the work was in progress reached Mrs. Rogers' cell. Even the death watch did not know about it. Mrs. Rogers, however, was curious and

kept inquiring through the day if the gallows was being made ready. Finally toward night, Miss Durkee, the matron, told her that it was. Yesterday morning Rev. Father C. C. Delaney, of the Roman Catholic church, here administered communion to Mrs. Rogers, and gave her spiritual consolation in the afternoon. The Rev. William H. Hayes, the prison chaplain visited her cell and read the scripture, and prayed with her, and after he went away, Mrs. Rogers joined with Mr. and Mrs. Loukes in singing hymns. Mrs. Rogers asked for the visit of clergymen and appeared to believe that her sins are forgiven and that she would be saved. She had not confessed her crime directly and positively nor had she explicitly denied it. Indeed, she had said little about it lately. She said she did not consider it brave to go to the scaffold and make a confession, and that it would not do her any good to tell what other people had done. When she allowed herself to dwell upon the ordeal of today she appeared to be making every effort to go to her fate bravely and with firmness.

No Drug Given Her.

The usual talk has been current, of course, about some kind of an opiate being administered to her to deaden her sensibility, but it is unqualifiedly false. Mrs. Rogers did not drink even coffee or tea, but contented herself solely with cold water. Supt. Lovell visited Mrs. Rogers' cell last night and talked with her a few moments. She was in moody spirits and then told a story just before she left. She said her case was properly managed, and that if it had been she would not have been there.

MARY ROGERS' CRIME.

Killed Her Husband to Get \$600 Insurance and Marry Another Man.

Mrs. Rogers killed her husband, Marcus Rogers, in order that she might possess herself of \$600, his life insurance, and marry another man. The murder was committed in Bennington, on Aug. 12, 1902, by the administration of chloroform. The circumstances leading up to the murder breathe of foul deceit, cunning and a viciousness inconceivable in a woman.

Mary Rogers was deeply loved by her husband. Tiring of her life with this quiet, unpretentious man, she left him. In her unfortunate life that followed in Bennington she met a youth, barely



LEON PERHAM
Who is Serving Life Term at Windsor for His Part in Murder of Mrs. Rogers' Husband.

seventeen years old, by the name of Leon Perham, a half breed Indian, who became enamored of her. Perham wanted to marry her. Mrs. Rogers had no mind for that, but kept Perham dangling by her side.

Mrs. Rogers fell in love with a well known citizen of Bennington, who, however, was not aware of her passion for him. As a woman of the street she knew she could not win him, and in her simple way she thought that once in possession of her husband's \$600 life insurance money she would become an object of devotion and attention. With the thought came the plan to do away with Rogers, whom she had left. Rogers, in spite of her life of shame, had sometimes sent word to his wife to come to him and he would forgive and forget the past. His strong love for her and his willingness to forgive were his undoing. She entered into a conspiracy with Perham, who was her willing tool, being led to believe that she would marry him.

Rogers was a powerful man and his

Continued on Fourth Page.

GREAT PRICE FOR HORSE.

Watercress Brought \$71,000 at Auction in New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—Watercress, a brown stallion sixteen years old, by Springfield Wharf, bred by Lord Falkland in England, was sold by auction yesterday for \$71,000 to J. B. Haggin, who already had a half interest through the Haggin and Harris partnership in the famous Rancho Del Prado stud. Yesterday marked the end of the four days' dispersal sale of all the thoroughbreds of this stud. Over 400 head were sold, bringing a grand total of \$405,275.

The price paid for Watercress was the third highest ever paid for a horse by an American owner. The stallion Ormonde, side of Ormonde, winner of this year's futurity, and now at the Ormonde farm in California, was bought at an auction sale in South America for \$150,000. St. Albans brought the highest price ever paid at a sale in this country, being bid in for \$100,000 at the dispersal sale of the stable of the late August Belmont.

Watercress is the sire of Watercolor, Water Boy, Nasuturnum and many other horses prominent on the American turf. He will be sent to Mr. Haggin's Elmendorf stud in Kentucky.

RACERS ARE NEARING END

Tremendous Excitement at Madison Square Garden

WHEN ROOT SPRINTED.

He Made Up a Lap Which the Bedell Brothers Had Gained Wednesday Morning—The Standing of Contestants.

New York, Dec. 8.—At 3 o'clock this morning, amid the wildest scenes ever witnessed in Madison Square Garden in years, Eddie Root, the world's six-day bicycle champion, outsped the entire field in the six day race and made up a lap which the Bedell brothers had gained on the field early Wednesday morning. Becoming discouraged, Paty Keegan quit the race this morning. At ten o'clock the score was Root and Folger, and Bedell brothers, 1712 miles, four laps, Vanderstuyft and Stol, McLean and Moran, same number of miles, three laps; Hopper and Hollister, Downey and Bowler, two laps, Achorn and Downey, one lap, Gathin and McDonald 1712 miles flat, Dordinger and Dussota 1708 miles and four laps, and Keegan and Logan 1690 miles flat.

BALL PLAYER LOSES.

Griffith Applied for Injunction and Was Refused.

New York, Dec. 8.—Howard C. Griffith, who was dropped from professional base ball last summer by the National association of professional base ball leagues for refusing to testify before the National base ball commission, yesterday lost his suit for a permanent injunction restraining the league's officers from carrying out their decree. Griffith applied for the injunction against Patrick T. Powers individually and as president of the National association of professional base ball leagues and against John H. Farrell individually and as secretary of the same association.

HELD IN \$2,000 BONDS.

Charles Hawkins Did Shooting in Delirium Tremens.

Rutland, Dec. 8.—Charles Hawkins, who shot Fred Dumas and Pascal Romano at Willimond Wednesday night, seriously wounding the latter, was arraigned before Justice W. R. Farnsworth yesterday on the charge of assault with intent to kill. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$2,000 bonds. It is said that Hawkins was suffering with delirium tremens when he did the shooting, that a physician had given him some stuff to quiet his nerves and that Hawkins drank the whole bottle. He began to rave soon afterwards, and is still delirious.

CUT GUY ROPES.

And Serious Accident Was Barely Averted in New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—Some unknown persons yesterday cut the guy ropes of the derrick on the New Atlantic building in course of construction at Thirty-fifth street and Fifth avenue by Post and McDermott, the contractors against whom the structural iron workers are waging a strike. But for the fact that the damage was discovered in time, many workmen might have been killed or injured.

Nearly 50 men were about to begin work, when a shout of warning was heard. Just as the workmen escaped the derrick fell with a crash.

PLEA FOR CONSTITUTION.

Pillsbury Wants Historic Old Vessel Saved from Destruction.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Bonaparte yesterday received this telegram from A. E. Pillsbury, former attorney general of Massachusetts:

"May I not say meeting call to preserve Constitution, and that she will not be destroyed."

Secretary Bonaparte replied:

"Fate of Constitution in hands of Congress. Personally wish to see her arise like a Phoenix, but am loyally to other constitution to take unauthorized liberties with this one."

RYAN TESTIFIES.

That He Purchased Equitable to Head Off Receiver.

New York, Dec. 8.—Thomas F. Ryan testified before the legislative committee this morning that he paid two and a half millions for the majority of the stock of the Equitable. He made the purchase to prevent a receiver being appointed. He insisted that the sale was bona fide in every particular and that he held the stock subject to rights of the trust, in whose hands he placed it.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Discovered by Freight Engineer at Westford, Mass.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 8.—An attempt to wreck a train on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad at Westford was discovered by a freight engineer yesterday afternoon. An iron rail had been dragged across the tracks. Three tramps had been seen in the vicinity a short time before.

ODD LADIES ARE RECEIVING FRIENDS

At Their Second Annual Fair Now Being Conducted in Miles' Hall, Where Attractive Display Has Been Arranged.

The second annual fair of the Odd Ladies opened last evening in Miles' hall with a large attendance and with the brightest of prospects for success. The ladies have put a large amount of work into the preparations for their fair and they merit a liberal patronage from the people. The hall presents a very attractive appearance and very pretty booths have been arranged which contain fancy articles and candy. A very enjoyable entertainment was given last evening by the Young Peoples' association, who presented the minstrel show which they gave at the Presbyterian fair. The songs and jokes by the six odd men were especially good, as was also the singing of the whole company.

At the conclusion of the programme dancing was in order, and it was enjoyed by a large number, music being furnished by Gilbertson's orchestra. The ladies who were in charge of the different booths are as follows: Fancy booth, Miss Annie Steward, Miss Mattie Connon, Miss Mamie Reaside; candy booth, Miss Katherine Mathieson, Miss French, Miss Lizzie McKeevin, Mrs. Harry Gammeter; apron booth, Mrs. Ordway, Miss McKinnie, Mrs. William A. Milne; fish pond, Mrs. Stephen and Mrs. Cote; ice cream, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Lake, Miss Linda Veale, Miss Bella Forbes, Miss Ina Ordway, Miss Bessie Crowley; vegetable booth, Mrs. Connick, Mrs. Thayer; Mrs. Faulkner has charge of the sale of the tickets at the door. Mrs. Clark has charge of the fortune telling booth, and the lemonade stand is in charge of Miss Stella Graham.

The ladies of the amusement committee who have the fair in charge and to whom its success is due, are as follows: Mrs. Edwin Veale, chairman; Miss Mamie Reaside, Mrs. David Faulkner, Mrs. John Forbes, Miss Katherine Mathieson, Mrs. William A. Milne, Miss Annie Steward, Mrs. Thomas Murray. The programme for this evening will consist of a claret solo by Nathan Seff, sword dance by the Barclay sisters, and a vocal duet by the Sheriffs sisters.

TREND TO NO LICENSE.

Report from Anti-Saloon Workers of Vermont.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—Superintendent Clarence J. Ferguson and Field Secretary Walter R. Davenport of Barre were in consultation at the office of the former in this city yesterday afternoon. Both gentlemen reported a growing trend throughout the state in favor of no license.

Mr. Ferguson said: "There seems to be a firm conviction settling down on the people of Vermont, that the open saloon is entirely unnecessary anywhere in the state. The larger places are coming to be in harmony with the small places in this conviction, and it is confidently expected that the number of saloon towns will be very materially reduced at the coming March meeting."

Mr. Davenport said that the cordial sympathy and financial support accorded the work of the league by state and federal officials of high rank is at great assistance and encouragement to the workers.

SUSPECT A PLOT.

Was Made to Rob Aged Maine Farmer Recently.

Kezar Falls, Me., Dec. 8.—David Varney the aged farmer, who was shot down in his barn in the town of Porter, two miles from here, Wednesday night, died yesterday afternoon without regaining consciousness. Wesley Chick, a nephew of the dead man, who has been under strict surveillance since an early hour, was taken into custody last night.

It was learned last night that the authorities suspect that two persons were concerned in the plot to kill Varney.

Suspicion first fell upon Chick last night when it was reported to the authorities that he was spending money freely in this village. He was not known to have any large sum of money but the officers found \$140 in his possession. He explained that this came partly from his father and partly from several former employers. When Varney was shot he was robbed of \$200.

INVESTIGATED PRISON.

Average Attendance in House of Correction Was 210.

Rutland, Dec. 8.—John N. Woodin of Rutland, A. E. Cudworth of South Londonderry and F. B. Pier of Ravenscroft, the "prison directors," are holding their quarterly examination at the house of correction today. The average daily number of prisoners for the last three months was 210, the largest in the history of the prison. Proceeds from the prison farm during the quarter were \$32, 650 mostly from the sale of vegetables.

ASSASSINATION BAND.

Japanese Troops Arrested Ten Conspirators at Chenampho.

London, Dec. 8.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that a secret meeting at Chenampho of the leaders of a conspiracy to assassinate all the Korean ministers who signed the treaty with Japan was surprised by Japanese troops, who arrested ten of the conspirators.

Quarantine Raised in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 8.—The quarantine for diphtheria on the Warner Home for seven weeks has been raised. There were eight cases of the disease during the time.

BULLET HOLE IN HIS HEAD

Body of Dr. John Mathewson Found in New York.

BODY HAD BEEN ROBBED

Watch and Jewelry Missing from Clothing of the Man Found in a Lumber Pile in New York Today.

New York, Dec. 8.—The body of John Mathewson, a physician, was found in a lumber pile on Fulton avenue in the Bronx this morning. His watch and other jewelry are missing and his head has a bullet hole in the back. It is supposed that the man was murdered and robbed.

NEW CRIBBAGE SCHEDULE.

Second Series in Interfraternity Tournament Arranged.

The schedule for the second series in the Interfraternity Cribbage league is as follows:

Dec. 11—C. O. F. and M. U., A. Robertson, referee.
Dec. 13—F. of A. and I. O. O. F., P. McNulty, referee.
Dec. 14—C. G. and R. M., A. Clarke, referee.
Dec. 15—C. O. F. and I. O. O. F., R. Shaw, referee.
Dec. 20—F. of A. and R. M., C. Oliver, referee.
Dec. 21—M. U. and C. G., M. Tierney, referee.
Jan. 8—C. O. F. and C. F. of A., L. B. Beck, referee.
Jan. 10—I. O. O. F. and C. G., J. Murray, referee.
Jan. 11—R. M. and M. U., J. Smith, referee.
Jan. 15—C. O. F. and R. M., A. Clarke, referee.
Jan. 16—C. G. and F. of A., P. McNulty, referee.
Jan. 17—I. O. O. F. and M. U., A. Robertson, referee.
Jan. 22—M. U. and F. of A., R. Shaw, referee.
Jan. 23—C. G. and C. O. F., L. B. Beck, referee.
Jan. 24—I. O. O. F. and R. M., C. Oliver, referee.

These will be a meeting of the executive committee Saturday at 7 o'clock p. m.

EIGHT HOURS FOR PRINTERS.

Barre Typos Will Have Shorter Workday Beginning Jan. 1st.

Following out the orders of the International Typographical Union that all union printers shall demand an eight-hour workday beginning Jan. 1st or go on strike, the Barre Typographical Union some weeks ago made demands on the employing printers of the city for the shorter workday, and after several conferences of employers and employees an agreement has been reached by which the printers will work eight hours a day, and receive the same pay as for nine, which they now work. The agreement is signed by E. W. Cummings, N. J. Roberts and F. E. Langley.

MILLER-DAVIS.

Quiet Wedding at Home of Officiating Clergyman.

Eva M. Davis and George F. Miller, both of this city, were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. R. F. Lowe on Wednesday evening. They were unattended and the wedding was a very quiet one. The ring service was used. After the ceremony they went immediately to their home, 33 South Main street. Mr. Miller drove the milk team of the Morrison milk farm for several years.

FIRE LOSS IS \$175,000.

Lake Freight House of Erie Road at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 8.—The Lake freight house of the Erie Railway company was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$175,000.

A Query for Chief of Police.

A boy from ward 3 would like to know why a street for coasting was not assigned by Chief of Police Brown to the children of that ward, as well as in the other wards.

A Boy.

Changing Street Car Power.

St. Albans, Dec. 8.—The St. Albans Street railway company today is changing from electricity generated by steam to electricity generated by the immense plant at Fairfax Falls. There will probably be no cars until Sunday.

Injured Man Is Falling.

West Haven, Dec. 8.—Everett Lincoln, who was injured in the lumber job, was moved to Dr. Morehouse's residence Wednesday. He survived removal but is falling.